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REMARKS

I. INTRODUCTION

In conjunction with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination, and in response to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 9, 2007, no claims are amended, and related applications have been cited in the Cross Reference to Related Applications section in the specification. Claims 7, 12-14, 22, 31, 45, 47-49, and 53-58 remain in the application. No new matter has been added. Entry of these amendments, and re-consideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

The Examiner's amendment listed in the Notice of Allowance dated August 9, 2007, to claims 50-52 (which were canceled), claim 55 (second), 56, and 57 (which were renumbered to claims 56-58 respectively) is reflected in the claims as presented hereinabove.

II. CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

Upon review of several cases in light of upcoming rule changes at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Applicants' attorneys noted that several cases are related to the present application. In order to comply with the new rules, and with other requirements, the cross reference section has been added to the present application, without incorporating the related cases by reference. No new matter has been added. The Examiner is encouraged to review these cases for related art, although Applicant believes that all art and publications material to patentability to the present application have been cited during prosecution of this application.

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III. CONCLUSION

It is submitted that this application is now in good order for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner believe minor matters still remain that can be resolved in a telephone interview, the Examiner is urged to call Applicants' undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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